Program for Parents

Time and time again surveys of teens indicate that parents can and do make an enormous difference in influencing their children’s perceptions of tobacco, alcohol, or illicit drug use. Although most parents are talking with their teens about the risks of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs, far too many are missing the vital opportunity these conversations provide in influencing their children’s health and well-being. Parents need to initiate age-appropriate conversations about these issues with their children at all stages of their development in order to help ensure that their children make the right decisions.

ECCPASA’s Parent Programs help start these conversations!

Parent Awareness Forums: ECCPASA partners with schools and law enforcement to provide these forums for parents of students in grades 9-12. These ninety-minute presentations are held in a school auditorium and include information on current youth culture and drug trends/paraphernalia, an overview of recent research on brain development, and parental liability/responsibility of hosting underage drinking parties. An overview of local resources is also provided so parents know whom to contact when in need.

Professional Trainings: ECCPASA’s credentialed prevention professionals offer a variety of trainings to parents, community groups and professionals for a reasonable fee. Topics include current trends/substance abuse education; prescription drug abuse; gambling; communication/listening skills; building family strengths; and family management/setting boundaries and expectations.

SafeHomes: A parent pledge/networking campaign where parents come together to help provide a safer environment for their children. Parents receive newsletters which contain parenting tips and up-to-date information on current trends of substance abuse and act as reminders throughout the year to spark conversations with their children. A small membership fee is suggested.

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